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NEGRO SLAUGHTER!

Four Killed and Five Wounded by a Mob
While in Prison.

PITEOUSLY PLEAD FOR THEIR LIVES.

Charged With Being Fire-Bugs.

They Were to Have Been Tried To-day.

Above are the head-lines of an Associated Press dispatch from Palmetto, Ga., telling of the brutal, cold-blooded murder of four Negroes and the wounding of five others by a mob. These Negroes were charged with incendiarism. The charges rested, principally, on mere suspicion. The poor victims were to have been tried in court, on the day following the night of their murder. No one doubted their conviction if there was even the slightest evidence to warrant it; but this did not satisfy the blood-thirsty cowards who went to the prison, and there, with no chance for these poor, defenseless Negroes to escape or defend themselves, as they piteously begged for mercy, shot them to death. The dispatch says:

The scene at Johnson's warehouse, where the nine Negroes were confined, and which is now filled with the dead and dying, is a revolting and miserable one. Blood covers the floor and blackened walls are indented with rifle-shots. Wives and children of Negroes are kneeling by their side in the dimly-lighted room, and piercing the air with cries and moans of anguish.

Thousands of Negroes have been murdered by mobs, and some have even been burned at the stake; and not one of the perpetrators of these heathenish outrages has been punished.

These Negroes are American citizens by birth. They are not here of their own choice. We brought their forefathers here by brute force, and made slaves of them. The fundamental law of the land guarantees to the humblest citizen a fair and impartial trial. This has very rarely been granted to the Negroes. Our government seems to have abandoned them. Their protection was traded, in 1876, for the presidency, and from that day, the Negro has had a hard row to hoe. He is no longer a political factor in shaping the politics of the South. He is practically disfranchised. Hence, the Republican party has deserted him. Mark Hanna fully realizes the situation. Therefore, President McKinley, when touring the Southern states, instead of putting in a plea for the Negro, puts on a Confederate badge and is as silent as are these dead victims of Republican treachery.

Outrages upon the Negro, North and South, should be stopped. The government should give to every citizen, black or white—it matters not how humble—a fair and impartial trial.

God punished this nation once for its cruelty to those in bondage. God will punish this nation for its cruelty to those who are falsely called free.

Bring back our soldiers sent ten thousand miles away to subjugate a people struggling for human liberty, and let them be used, if need be, to protect the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" of our own people, here at home.



THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

—Ft. Scott Lantern.

The President of the United States.

From Our Dumb Animals, Boston.

The President of the the United States has visited Boston and made known to our people and the world the policy which he proposes to carry out.

Below will be found the words of Sergeant Bates in the Boston Evening Transcript of June 6, 1898:

WHAT DOES OUR AGGRESSION MEAN?

It means the conquest through great sacrifice of blood and treasure of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and other territory that the chances of war may give us. It means the active and ever-present service of from 100,000 to 150,000 soldiers to control the inhabitants of these possessions and protect them from internal disorder. It means foreign death and foreign graves for many thousand Americans, and destroyed health and happiness for still more through the climatic influences of these possessions. It means that, in case of foreign complications, which these possessions are most certain to bring, a standing army of 300,000 in time of peace, and an army three to five times as great in time of war, and the increase of our navy to several times its present strength. It means a vast increase of taxation and a burden upon labor far greater and more lasting than that imposed by the civil and all prior American wars; in fact, a burden upon a burden—a greater upon the smaller already existing. It means the adoption into the American political family of 11,000,000 foreign people—a people antagonistic to and opposite to the American in race, character, habits, customs and religion. It means opening the doors for the entrance of a steady and increasing flood of cheap and ignorant Asiatic and South American laborers already sorely oppressed and distressed by an excess of cheap European labor. It means a strong and stronger growing, and, in time, irresistible aristocracy of wealth and political power to rule and direct their own, irrespective of the interests of the common people. It means a much more rapid increase of poverty, crime and disorder; an increase of police, police stations, prisons and asylums for the poor and insane. It means the repudiation of the policies and principles that created and brought the republic to its present greatness and power. It means the abuse and misapplication of this power and disappearance of the republic as an example to and influence for good over the liberty-loving people of the whole world.

SERGEANT BATES.

Some of our newspapers are constantly quoting the opinions of army and navy officers in regard to the desirability of increasing our army and navy. Of course they all favor it. So do all army and navy contractors and political hummers who hope to get fat offices.—Our Dumb Animals.

WHAT would Abraham Lincoln or George Washington have thought of the policy of conquering ten millions of Asiatics and keeping a great army in a malarious country to hold them in subjection?—Our Dumb Animals.

WILLIAM PENN got all the lands he wanted from the Indian tribes about him without the firing of a single gun, and lived with them in perfect peace and harmony.—Our Dumb Animals.

Rev. Dr. Lorimer on Expansion.

Rev. Dr. Lorimer delivered an address before the Christian Endeavor convention at Tremont Temple, in Boston, Feb. 2d. Here is a portion of the address, as reported by the Herald:

"The most magnificent panorama of imperial expansion that ever dazzled the imagination was presented by Satan to Christ when he offered Him all the kingdoms of the world. And yet, the Master declined. To many people His rejection of such an empire must seem unreasonable, unpatriotic an unphilanthropic. Did it not occur to Him that if He attached these nations to Palestine, He would be able to do them immense good? Did He not realize that He was responsible for their welfare, that they could not better their own conditions, and that they had been put under His control by manifest destiny? No; He appears to have been oblivious to all such arguments.

"Christianity has nothing to gain in foreign lands if its presence is secured there by the policy of a government whose methods are essentially imperialistic. The proof of this is furnished by the incontestable fact that the success of American missions in alien lands, without annexation or colonization, has been more remarkable among the natives than those that have been backed by the prestige of imperialism. Heretofore, America has been regarded by the heathen as being free from the crimes committed against them by others, and hence, the gospel from the lips of Christ's ambassadors has received respectful attention. But let her attitude change; let her become like all the rest, and let the enforcement of her sovereignty lead to outrages and executions, and her imperialism will be as pernicious to Christianity as was that of Rome.

"Christianity must expand. We are set for its triumphs everywhere; but let us not for a moment suppose that this can be secured by the slimy and crooked arts of worldly politics."

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